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### **OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER DEPLOYS CJLEADS TO VANCE, GRANVILLE, FRANKLIN, WARREN, NASH, WILSON AND EDGEcombe COUNTIES**

*Database That Helps Catch Criminals and Keeps Communities Safer  
Rolling-out To Remainder of State*

State Controller David McCoy today began the final phase of the statewide expansion of CJLEADS (Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services) to criminal justice professionals in Vance, Granville, Franklin, Warren, Nash, Wilson and Edgecombe counties. At the events today were area legislators as well as criminal justice professionals (law enforcement officers, district attorneys, judges, magistrates and clerks) in the respective counties. *(NOTE: Because of the intense interest in CJLEADS from the criminal justice community, Controller McCoy moved up the roll-out of CJLEADS to the remainder of the State from December, when it was originally scheduled, to August.)*

“With funding as tight as it is, it is imperative that we use current technology to help our law enforcement officers and the courts deliver effective services in as cost effective a manner as possible,” said State Controller David McCoy. “Television crime dramas such as CSI and NCIS in which suspects can be identified and charged in a one-hour show gave many people the mistaken idea that North Carolina’s law enforcement and criminal justice professionals had the same kind of cutting-edge technology to fight crime. The reality, however, was that information about offenders was stored in all types of separate systems that took our law enforcement officers days and sometimes weeks to sort through. CJLEADS is changing all of that. With CJLEADS, criminal justice professionals can within seconds access a state-of-the-art database with offender information at their fingertips in order to make better and faster decisions. That’s why, as I’ve traveled across the State to roll-out CJLEADS, I have heard time and time again from criminal justice professionals that CJLEADS is one of the best tools they have to help them catch criminals and make their communities safer places to live.”

CJLEADS integrates data found within the state’s various criminal justice applications and provides up-to-date criminal information in a centralized location via a secure connection for use by state and local government criminal justice professionals. CJLEADS has two primary objectives: to provide a comprehensive view of an offender through a single application, allowing for positive identification of an offender through a photographic image; and to provide an “offender watch” capability to alert criminal justice professionals when an offender has a change in status. For example, the system will help officers on the street know immediately what the offender looks like, if they need to approach the suspect with caution and if there are orders for arrest or warrants out on the suspect. Judges and other court officials will instantly know if the defendant sitting in court already has a lengthy criminal history.

At the kick-off meetings, OSC provided a demonstration of CJLEADS and coordinated training schedules with the local criminal justice organizations. Criminal justice professionals can begin to use CJLEADS immediately after completing the training classes.

The Office of State Controller deployed the CJLEADS program to Wake County as a pilot in July, 2010. OSC began the statewide Phase I deployment in December 2010 to the Upper and Lower Piedmont. (Phase I counties included: Durham, Orange, Alamance, Chatham, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, Person, Caswell, Stanly, Union, Anson, Davidson, Forsyth, Rowan, Moore, Montgomery, Lee, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Richmond, Scotland, Hoke counties.)

The Phase II rollout began in May 2011 to the lower western and lower eastern regions of the state. (Phase II counties included: Mitchell, Yancey, McDowell, Buncombe, Haywood, Madison, Craven, Pamlico, Lenoir, Jones, Onslow, Carteret, New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender, Columbus, Robeson, Bladen, Macon, Swain, Jackson, Cherokee, Graham, Clay, Henderson, Transylvania, Polk, Johnston, Harnett, Wayne, Sampson, Cumberland and Duplin counties.)

Scheduled kick-off events for Phase III include:

- August 23, 2011 - Vance, Granville, Franklin, Warren counties – Vance/Granville Community College, Henderson, NC
- August 24, 2011 – Nash, Wilson, Edgecombe counties – Nash Community College, Rocky Mount, NC
- August 29, 2011 – Iredell, Davie, Yadkin counties – Mitchell Community College, Statesville, NC
- August 30, 2011 – Alleghany, Surry, Wilkes counties – Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro, NC
- August 31, 2011 – Caldwell, Burke, Catawba, Alexander counties – J.E. Broyhill Civic Center, Lenoir, NC
- September 1, 2011 – Watauga, Avery, Ashe counties -- Caldwell Community College, Watauga Campus, Boone, NC
- September 13, 2011 – Greene, Pitt, Martin counties – Pitt Community College, Greenville NC
- September 14, 2011 – Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde counties – Beaufort Community College, Washington, NC
- September 20, 2011 – Dare, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck counties– College of The Albemarle, Elizabeth City, NC
- September 21, 2011 – Halifax, Northampton, Hertford, Gates, Bertie counties – Roanoke/Chowan Community College, Ahoskie, NC

The deployment will provide all federal, state and local criminal justice organizations with operational presence in the State of North Carolina the opportunity to complete on-boarding activities and begin training personnel for access to CJLEADS. To minimize deployment costs, OSC is working closely with state and local organizations to leverage available training facilities, implement Train the Trainer programs, minimize travel through the use of web-based training classes and up-to-date electronic documentation.

Several agencies have shared how CJLEADS is helping them catch criminals and keep communities safer. These testimonials and additional information about CJLEADS can be found on our website <http://www.cjleads.nc.gov>. For an online demonstration of CJLEADS please go to: [http://www.osc.nc.gov/cjleads/NCCJLeads\\_Demo\\_rev02.swf](http://www.osc.nc.gov/cjleads/NCCJLeads_Demo_rev02.swf).

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